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April 19, 1954.

Dear Sir:

I beg to asknowledge receipt of your letter of April 14th in regard to the road which the Provincial Department of Public Works are sembemplating building through the subdivision of the Indian Industrial School Reserve at Alert Bay. In reply I beg to say that this matter will be taken up with the Department as soon as the Provincial Public Works Department files its formal application and submits a tracing, two blue prints and a description in triplicate of the lands to be acquired, when it will be known definitely what is the actual location of the thoroughfare as well as its area, etc. If any Indian improvements should be affected, these will be noted in the blue prints.

When the blue prints, etc., are received you should then discuss the matter of valuations with the District Engineer of the Public Works Department so that you will be able to make report on the matter and make such recommendations as would appear to neet the requirements of the case. It would seem that since this road crosses lots which have been surveyed for residential purposes, a reasonable consideration for severance should be made as the lots will be out in two by the road and their value for residential purposes would be thereby greatly lessened. Kindly keep in touch with the matter and report in due course after you have received the blue prints, etc.

Your obedient servant,

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Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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